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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Lindholm et al.

Application No. 09/586,249

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ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE  
FOR PROGRAMMABLE VERTEX  
PROCESSING MODEL WITH  
INSTRUCTION SET

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Prior to substantive Examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter claims 39-47 as follows:

39. ~~162.00 CH~~ (New) A method for programmable processing in a computer graphics pipeline, comprising:
- (a) receiving graphics data; and
  - (b) performing programmable operations on the graphics data in order to generate output, wherein the operations are programmable by a user utilizing instructions from a predetermined instruction set;